



"Wise Money" Bane of Racing, Tod Sloan Says



Secret Plunges from the Club-House Leave Public Ignorant of Them, in the Dark as to Real Favorites.

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By J. TOD SLOAN.
THE present agitation in the State of New York over the Hart-Agnew bill, which if passed will do away with betting on the races and therefore racing itself, recalls to mind many interesting incidents of my career of nineteen years on the turf, and also draws a picture of the future which is more impressive, to me at least, and is more to the point.

Whatever the fate of the bill at Albany, it is the statement of the men at the racing helm that, betting or no betting, they will have racing as usual, that brings up the picture of the future and makes me laugh. Of course I do not doubt that for a while the meetings will be held even without betting, but can any one imagine Belmont Park on the day of the running of the Metropolitan—the first big race of the spring—with the betting ring empty?

Can you imagine the horses—the high-class thoroughbreds that always start in the Metropolitan—trotting out and warming up while a deathlike silence reigns in the betting ring? Is it possible to form an idea of any big race day with all the old familiar faces gone from the ring—

SPARK STARTS A \$1.75 BLAZE IN M'ADOO TUNNEL

The shopping district had a lovely thrill in its geographical midriff today, when a short-circuited electric wire with a faulty mackintosh overcoat on allowed a spark to set fire to the temporary shoring in the extension to the Macadoo tunnel.

The neighborhood was full of Saturday purchasers when a grimy workman came rushing out of the entrance at Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue and yelled to Policeman Phelan that the woodwork was burning down below.

Phelan, knowing what a fire might mean in the deep excavation, with its plank walls and its timber covering, sent in one alarm on top of the other.

Smoke began to pour through the cracks in the big boards that now form the Sixth avenue roadway and a big crowd gathered. The engines, lumbering up from all directions, brought more people, and pretty soon the corner was blocked off.

But the fire was already out. A cool-

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GIRLS IN PERIL AT FIRE UNDER BROOKLYN BRIDGE

Bursting Hose Adds to Danger of Workers in Factories.

FIRE SPREADS QUICKLY.

"L" Tied Up While Firemen Fight Flames From Structure.

There was the usual accompaniment of bursting hose at a brisk three-alarm fire in "The Swamp" this afternoon. Despite this inevitable handicap, the firemen under Chief Croker, held the blaze to the building in which it originated, although at one time, when long coils of piping were turning into rubber keys, it looked as if a whole block of the old-time brick houses would go.

The flames were almost under the Brooklyn Bridge approach and the fight of the firemen was watched by a great throng.

The fire started in the basement of the five-story building at No. 38 Pearl street, occupied by a sugar and candy manufactory of Arthur Essing. Almost instantly a big column of smoke rose up the elevator shaft and mushroomed at the top.

In the upper floors about eighty-five girls were at work. Max Blochstein, the foreman, and Henry Koch, the elevator man, got the young women out in good shape. Some of them went down in the elevators and the others fled by the steps before the woodwork of the stairways began to burn. Forty men on the top floor escaped through a skylight in good order.

Next door, at No. 38, is the factory of Charles Spiegel & Co., where fifty persons worked. They stampeded at the first whiff of smoke, but got out safely.

Feeding on confectionery products, the fire spread rapidly.

Fire Spreads Quickly.

The roofs of the Spiegel building, and of the buildings at No. 37 at the corner of Vandewater street, tenanted by Solon Palmer, wholesale bar fixtures, and at No. 32, occupied on the lower floor by M. E. Riley, as a packing box factory, and in the upper floors as a tenement, began to smoke.

Soon flames were springing up on the tops of these three buildings and in their window frames. The families who lived in No. 32 poured into the street, carrying their belongings and babies and adding to the excitement of the big crowd that had gathered from all over the lower wholesale district.

A second alarm followed the first, and in five minutes a third went in. Four lengths of hose burst in the first few minutes, and a little later one of the three "feeders" of the water tower let go high in the air, soaking several dozen spectators.

The fire burned longest in the third and fourth floors of the Essing building, where there was a lot of sugar products. The water tower poured tons of water into the blazing mass from above, but for more than half an hour it could not send out great masses of smoke.

By reason of this smoke traffic was tied up on the Second avenue "L". The firemen were able to do effective work from the "L" structure.

\$10,000 DERBY IS RUN UNDER FINE CONDITIONS

Evenly Matched Field of Four Race for New Orleans Classic.

INTERVENE WINS FIRST.

Arlonette with Notted Up Is Beaten a Length and a Half by a 10-to-1 Chance.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 14.—Derby day dawned clear and bright, and the big race of the winter season was run under ideal conditions. With a temperature like that of a perfect June day, under cloudless skies and over a lightning fast track, four of the best horses that ever faced a barrier in a New Orleans Derby came to the post this afternoon, two of the favorites running in one interest. It was an ideal test, the champions of the winter here and in California being brought together for a final trial under conditions which were beyond criticism.

Maetlek, before coming here, by his victories in the San Francisco and Los Angeles Derbies, proved himself beyond the slightest question the best three-year-old in California, and Chapultepec by his unbroken string of victories here, proving himself the best three-year-old here, with only one to question his title—Pinkola—the gelded son of Pink Coat, which sought to upset his claims in the trial this afternoon. It was a great race and a decisive trial.

Blank spaces were left on the programme for the additions of such eligibles as might start, but there was none to be added, for of the hundred of three-year-olds here there is not one that could be considered a contending chance in the Derby field.

Aside from the derby there were a half dozen races, and some of them so arranged as to offer every promise of contention. As an appetizer for the big event Secretary Maginn had a six-furlong handicap which was admirable and which whetted the sporting appetite of the immense throng present to the keenest point.

Scratches were not many, the conditions for the racing being much what the promise of the day before indicated.

FIRST RACE.—Purse \$100; two-year-olds; four and one-half furlongs—Intervene, 108 (E. Lynn), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 3 to 2, won by a length and a half; Arionette, 106 (Notted), 8 to 5, 3 to 1 and 1 to 4, second; Nigger Baby, 100 (Martini), 40 to 1, 20 to 1 and 10 to 1, third. Time, 54.45. Tyler, Rosebush II, After All, Injury, Brougham, Frella W., Guy Fisher and Lurid also ran.

SECOND RACE.—Purse \$100; three-year-olds and upward; selling, six furlongs—Escutcheon, 110 (Notted), even, 2 to 5 and out, won by a neck; E. T. Shipp, 88 (Pittin), 18 to 5, even and 1 to 2, second; Spion 98 (Mulcahey), 6 to 1, 7 to 5 and 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:13.35. Jim Sims, 20 (Fay), Beuchet, Alencon and Handzaria also ran.

TURKISH STEAMERS SEIZED BY RUSSIAN WARSHIPS?

ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.—A rumor has reached this city by way of Vienna that two Turkish steamers with arms and ammunition on board have been seized in the Black Sea by Russian warships. No confirmation of this report could be had at either the Foreign Office or the Admiralty.

CONSUMPTIVE HANGS HIMSELF

Frank Tomasek, a carmaker, suffering from consumption, which had rendered him unable to work for two years, committed suicide today at his home, No. 135 Avenue A. His wife, Bertha, the support of the family, found him hanging by the neck at the end of a rope fastened to a gas pipe, in the kitchen of their flat. Tomasek was thirty-one years old.

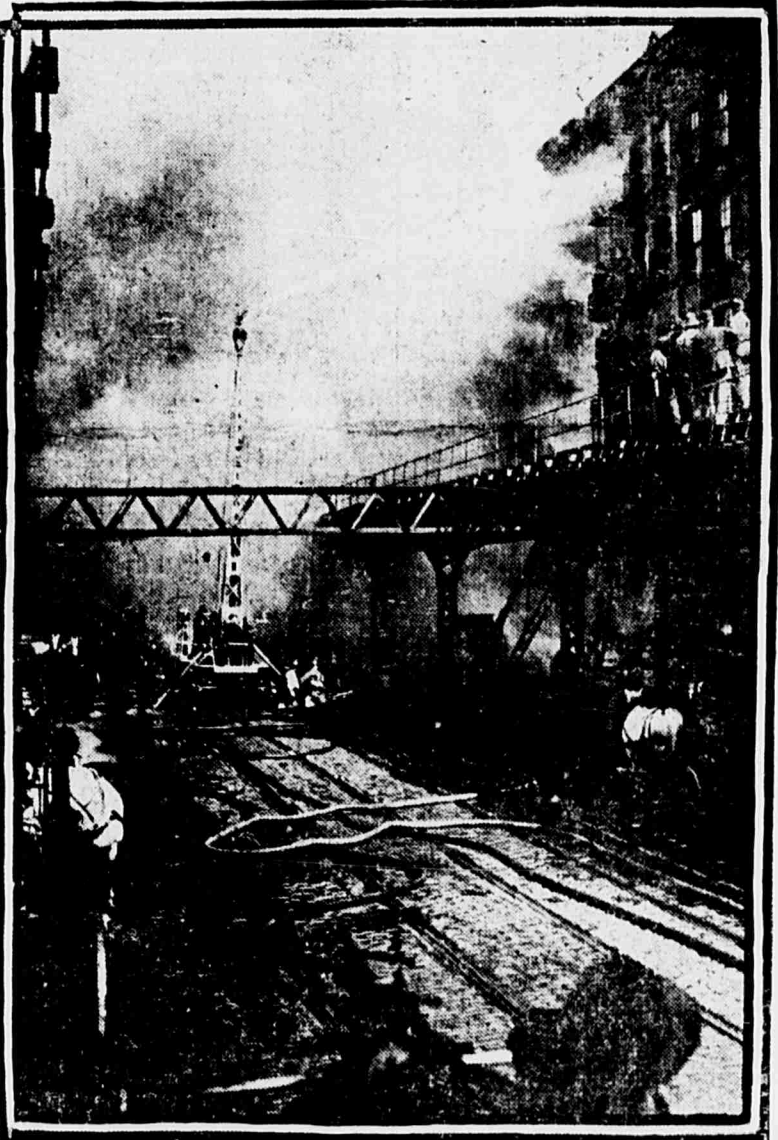
RUN DOWN BY TROLLEY CAR.

Antonio Moaluna, forty years old, of No. 46 West Thirty-ninth street, was struck by a trolley car at Tenth avenue and Fortieth street today. He sustained a broken back and was taken to Bellevue Hospital in a serious condition. The motorman, John Hoar, of No. 60 Tenth avenue, was arrested.

SWEPT TO DEATH FROM BRIDGE TOP BY BROTHER'S MISTAKE AT HOIST

Scene at Fire Near Bridge That Imperiled Many Girls.

(Photographed Especially for The Evening World by a Staff Artist.)



HIGHLANDERS PLAY ATLANTA IN THIRD GAME

Elberfeld Out for Practice, but Did Not Get Into the Contest.

THE BATTING ORDER.

New York. Niles, ss. Collins, cf. Beckler, cf. Jordan, 2b. Fox, 1b. Hemphill, 1b. Conroy, 3b. Sweeney, c. Hogan, p. (Special to The Evening World.)

BALL GROUND, ATLANTA, Ga., March 14.—The Highlanders got a good two hours' workout under a broiling sun today. Kid Elberfeld was practicing at short and appeared none the worse for the spiking received Thursday. He did, however, take part in the afternoon fray. Neuh had good control of the "spitter" which created such havoc among American League batsmen during the closing months of last season. Grift says Neuh will make a good pitcher. Hogan, Manning and Griffith also worked to-day, and these three pitchers were used against Atlanta. Sweeney did the receiving. For the locals McKensie, Castleton and Cum-

Henry Crimigan, at Derrick Lever, Miscalculates Swing, and Boom With 2,500 Pound Stone Knocks Tom From Anchorage.

VICTIM'S NECK BROKEN IN SEVENTY-FIVE FOOT FALL

Crowds Around the New Manhattan Span See Plunge of Unfortunate Man—Police Convinced It Was an Accident, Make No Arrests.

Henry Crimigan, operating a derrick at the Pike and South street section of the new Manhattan Bridge, misjudged the swing of the lift's arm to-day and the weighty boom swept from the ninety-five-foot peak of a stone anchorage a workman whose duty it was to release the stone which the machine lifted up in the air.

Terror-stricken, Crimigan watched the falling body and saw it strike the stairs on the stone pier, only to continue its descent until it landed on a bridgeway twenty feet from the ground.

Then it was that the derrick operator realized for the first time, that the man swept from the pier top was his brother, Tom Crimigan, a stone cutter.

JAP WARSHIPS ORDERED OFF ON SECRET CRUISE

China Gets the News and Links It With Seizure of the Tatsu Maru.

HONG KONG, March 14.—Information has been received here from Formosa that the first Japanese naval squadron will sail to-day on secret service. The cruisers Yakumo, Akitsushima, Asama and a flotilla of smaller vessels have been loaded ready to sail at a minute's notice since March 7. At Sasebo, the naval station, everything is exceedingly busy.

The Tatsu Maru affair has caused a sensation in the navy and some action in this department is surmised.

A despatch from Tokyo under date of March 6 announced that a part of the First Japanese Naval Squadron was to leave port on March 14. Coaling and other preparations for departure were proceeding rapidly. At the office of the Admiralty in Tokyo it was declared that the squadron was about to begin a series of manoeuvres. It was pointed out further that this fact was announced two months ago and that therefore the activity at Sasebo should not necessarily be considered in connection with the difficulty with China arising from the Tatsu Maru incident.

Policemen and bridge workmen ran to the body and found that Tom Crimigan's neck was broken and that death had been instantaneous.

The agony of the brother who had innocently caused the accident was pitiful, and he was taken to his home in a carriage. The police at first discussed whether or not he should be arrested on a technical charge of homicide, but this was left for the Coroner to decide.

Tom Crimigan was a brawny, handsome, popular young man of twenty-seven years and lived at No. 447 Park avenue, Brooklyn. He was a specialist in setting stone in massive pier such as are generally used in bridge work. He started the day's work on the top of the stone anchorage at 8 o'clock this morning, and it was near the noon hour when the fatal accident happened.

The boom of the derrick carried a massive stone weighing close to 2,500 pounds, and when it reached the top Tom Crimigan was seen to reach out a guiding hand. The top of the pier is not spacious, it being about four yards square, and the stone setter apparently thought that his brother Henry had stopped the derrick.

But the stone slowly moved toward the edge and before Tom had time to realize his danger the boom gave a sudden start and over he went, backward, falling like a shot.

The descent was seen from ferryboats and the Brooklyn Bridge. Passersby cried out in horror, for not a few of them were watching the workmen manoeuvring the massive stone.

It was a clear case of accident. The stone-setters sympathized with the sorrowing brother and the bridge building crew quit for the day.

IDLE, HANGS HIMSELF.

Despondent at not being able to secure employment, Frank Tomasek, thirty-one years old, of No. 135 Avenue A, committed suicide to-day by hanging. The body was found by his wife. He was suspended from a rope attached to a gaspipe in the centre of his room.

Hackenschmidt Tells HOW TO GET STRONG

Interview with **ROBERT EDGREN**

IN MONDAY'S EVENING WORLD

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